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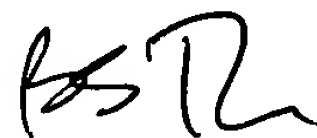
REMARKS

Claims 26-42 are pending. Claims 1-25 and 43-81 have been canceled. Claim 82 has been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 26-42 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of US Patent No. 5718725 in view of US Patent No. 5682906. Applicants have submitted terminal disclaimers for each of the above patents to overcome the rejection, and as such request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to newly added claim 82, which is drawn to the same elected invention as that of claims 26-42. Applicants request the Examiner to contact the undersigned representative if a discussion of the pending claims would expedite the prosecution of this application.

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